

both on and off of the football field, serving as captain of the football team and as student government vice president.

After being selected in the third round of the 1970 draft by the Oakland Raiders, Gerald continued his run of excellence at the professional level. After six years starting at line-backer for the Raiders, Gerald spent four years with the Cleveland Browns before retiring in 1980. Named an "Oakland Raiders Legend," listed among the "100 Greatest Cleveland Browns" of all time, and named to the Indiana Football Hall of Fame in 2013, Gerald's athletic career proved truly remarkable.

Even so, his time off the field proved as noteworthy as his time on it. During the off seasons of his NFL career, he continued his pursuit of education, earning a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Gerald put his skills and experiences to quick use. He spent a distinguished 32 years working with The Woodlands Development Company, helping hundreds of businesses relocate to The Woodlands. Gerald also served for 22 years on the Conroe ISD Board of Trustees during a period which saw student enrollment double. Because of his continued commitment to enhancing educational opportunities for others, Gerald D. Irons, Sr. Junior High School was named in his honor.

Gerald and his family were a driving force behind the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Drum Major Awards held each January in the Woodlands. Gerald was integral to the founding of Impact Church in the Woodlands where he served as an elder. Due to their exemplary lives of active involvement in the community, the Irons were named Hometown Heroes.

In the words of his family, "He lived a life of service to his family, church and community; to know Gerald was truly to love Gerald." Gerald is remembered by his loving wife, Myrna, and many loving children and grandchildren.

I join the entire community in honoring Gerald Irons for his dedicated life of service to others. His amazing legacy will always be cherished in our community.

KALEO CONLEY-NAKAMURA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kaleo Conley-Nakamura for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kaleo Conley-Nakamura is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kaleo Conley-Nakamura is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kaleo Conley-Nakamura for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

WUHAN WHITEWASH

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, incredibly revealing is the editorial in The Wall Street Journal on March 31, 2021 opposing The Wuhan Virus Whitewash. The unintended consequence of the blatant misrepresentation in the Wuhan Report is to further verify COVID-19 originated at the Wuhan Virology Institute leading to over three million deaths worldwide.

The World Health Organization on Tuesday finally released its report on the origins of the coronavirus, and the result wasn't worth the wait. The document is best understood as a whitewash heavily influenced by the Chinese Communist Party and Westerners with conflicts of interest.

The report—based primarily on an international team's visit this year to the city of Wuhan, where Covid-19 was first detected—has little new information.

In 2018 U.S. officials warned in diplomatic cables about safety and management issues at the Wuhan Virology Institute that could lead to a pandemic.

The U.S. State Department warned in a January fact sheet that WIV researchers had developed "symptoms consistent with both COVID-19 and common seasonal illnesses" in autumn 2019.

Even the WHO recognizes the implausibility of the report. "I do not believe that this assessment was extensive enough. Further data and studies will be needed to reach more robust conclusions," WHO director-general Tedros Ghebreyesus said Tuesday.

The U.S. and 13 other governments released a statement Tuesday expressing "shared concerns" that the WHO study "was significantly delayed and lacked access to complete, original data and samples."

That shouldn't be the end of it. The Biden Administration knows the underlying intelligence and should release it to the public. The Biden Administration says it wants to revitalize multilateral institutions, and that should start with refusing to accept the WHO's Wuhan whitewash.

KATY McDOUGAL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katy McDougal for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Katy McDougal is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katy McDougal is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Katy McDougal for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedi-

cation and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE BYRON RYDER, JUDGE LINDA GRANT, AND SYDNEY COHEN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Sydney Cohen of Hawaiian Springs Water for her substantial efforts in providing life-sustaining resources to Central Texans during a time of great need.

Madam Speaker, I would also like to extend my recognition to Judge Byron Ryder and Judge Linda Grant for their display of servant leadership during Texas' winter freeze. They worked tirelessly for their communities and went to great lengths to secure the water bottles provided by Hawaiian Springs Water. The residents of Leon and Freestone County have strong leaders, and for that, I am grateful.

KENDRA DICKINSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kendra Dickinson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kendra Dickinson is a student at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kendra Dickinson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kendra Dickinson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL BORINQUENEERS DAY

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, the history of Puerto Rico is rich with examples of men and women from all walks of life, whose accomplishments inspire us today and draw the attention of the world to our Island. But one group stands out as an institution whose efforts enrich the enduring legacy and might of the U.S. military, and has left an indelible mark on all Puerto Ricans and in the history of our nation and the world. The 65th Infantry Regiment is this institution.